

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 16, without prejudice, amend claims 13-15, and add new claim 17 as follows:

1-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) An active matrix type liquid crystal display comprising:

a switching element formed for each of a plurality of pixels ~~decided~~defined by a plurality of bus lines;

a short ring connected to the plurality of bus lines; and

an electrostatic protection element portion formed between each of the plurality of bus lines and the short ring;

wherein the electrostatic protection element portion comprises a plurality of metal layers formed on the same layer, an insulating layer formed on the plurality of metal layers, a contact hole formed by opening the insulating layer on the plurality of metal layers, and a connecting layer electrically connecting ~~between~~ the metal layers via the contact hole.

14. (Currently amended) An active matrix type liquid crystal display comprising:

a switching element formed for each of a plurality of pixels ~~decided~~defined by a plurality of bus lines; and

an electrostatic protection element portion formed between the adjacent bus lines;

wherein the electrostatic protection element portion comprises a plurality of metal layers formed on the same layer, an insulating layer formed on the plurality of metal layers, a contact hole formed by opening the insulating layer on the plurality of metal layers, and a connecting layer electrically connecting ~~between~~ the metal layers via the contact hole.

15. (Currently amended) An active matrix type liquid crystal display comprising:

a switching element formed for each of a plurality of pixels ~~decided~~defined by a plurality of data bus lines and gate bus lines;

a first common wiring connected to the data bus lines;

a second common wiring connected to the gate bus lines; and

an electrostatic protection element portion formed between the first common wiring and the second common wiring;

wherein the electrostatic protection element portion comprises a plurality of metal layers formed on the same layer as the first common wiring or the second common wiring, an insulating layer formed on the plurality of metal layers, a contact hole formed by opening the insulating layer on the plurality of metal layers, and a connecting layer electrically connecting the metal layers via the contact hole.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (New) An active matrix type liquid crystal display comprising:

a switching element formed for each of a plurality of pixels defined by a plurality of bus lines;

an electrostatic protection element portion having a multi-layer structured metal layer in which a top layer is partially removed and an under layer is exposed;

an insulating layer formed on the metal layer;

a contact hole formed by opening the insulating layer on the metal layer; and

a connecting layer electrically connecting the top layer and the under layer of the metal layer via the contact hole, respectively.